

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-48. (Cancelled)

49. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

indicating rendering of stored audio data of an audio data file being stored onto a storage medium;

receiving a stream of a first audio data from file stored on an optical disk being processed by an optical disk player-reader device, first audio data streamed from an audio-optical disk file being processed by the optical disk player device;

incrementally storing the first audio data file onto a first storage medium, starting at a first point location corresponding to a beginning of the first audio data file stored on the audio optical disk file, the first audio data being received at a first rate, and the first storage medium being separate and distinct from both the optical disk audio-optical disk file as well as and the optical disk player-reader device; and

if rendering of stored audio data of an audio data file being stored onto a storage medium is indicated, incrementally playing rendering of at least some a portion of the stored first audio data file from the first storage medium at a playback rate slower than the first rate, prior to completion of the storing in the first storage medium of all the first audio data file.

50. (Cancelled)

51. (Cancelled)

52. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium comprising
a medium; and

instructions stored on the medium, wherein the instructions when executed,
enable an apparatus to perform a method comprising:

indicating rendering of stored audio data of an audio data file being stored onto
a storage medium,

receiving from an optical disk ~~reader~~player device, first audio data streamed from an first audio data-optical disk file stored on an optical disk being processed by the optical disk ~~reader~~player device;
incrementally storing the first audio data file onto a first storage medium starting at a first ~~location~~point corresponding to a beginning of the first audio data-optical disk file, wherein the ~~first audio data is received at a first rate, and the~~ first storage medium is separate and distinct from both the ~~audio-optical disk file~~ as well as the optical disk ~~reader~~player device; and if rendering of stored audio data of an audio data file being stored onto a storage medium is indicated, incrementally ~~rendering~~playing at least some of the stored first audio data from the first storage medium at a ~~playback rate slower than the first rate~~, prior to completion of the storing of all the first audio data onto the first storage medium.

53-62. (Cancelled)

63. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4962, wherein the incrementally ~~playing-rendering~~ of at least some of the stored first audio data from the first storage medium is performed at real time.

64. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49, further comprising encoding the first audio data as they are received, prior to them being stored, wherein the first audio data is received, encoded, and stored at a rate that is greater than real-time.

65. (Currently amended) The method of claim 64, wherein the incrementally ~~playing~~ rendering of at least some of the stored first audio data is performed at real time.

66. (Currently amended) The method of claim 49, further comprising:
stopping said receiving and storing, at a second point within the first audio data ~~optical disk file~~;

receiving from the optical disk ~~player-reader~~ device, second audio data streamed from a second audio data file stored on the audio optical disk file;

incrementally storing the second audio data file onto a second storage medium starting at a second location corresponding to a beginning of the second audio data file,
and

incrementally ~~playing-rendering~~ at least some of the stored ~~first and second~~ audio data from the second storage medium, prior to completion of the storing of all the second audio data onto the second storage medium.

67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 66, wherein the incrementally storing of the first audio data is to a local storage device, as an electronic data file.

68. (Previously presented) The method of claim 67, wherein the incrementally storing of the second audio data is to the same local storage device, as part of the same electronic data file.

69. (Currently amended) The method of claim 49, wherein the first audio data optical disk file further comprises metadata.

70. (Currently amended) The method of claim 49, wherein the ~~audio-optical disk file~~ comprises a compact disk (CD).

71. (Currently amended) The method of claim 49, wherein
the incrementally storing of the first audio data comprises incrementally storing the first audio data in one of a plurality of digital encoding formats;
the method further comprises identifying in accordance with which one of the plurality of data encoding formats the first audio data is encoded; and
the incrementally ~~playing-rendering~~ comprises decoding blocks of the stored first audio data, based at least in part on the result of said identifying.

72. (Cancelled)

73. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 72, wherein the instructions are adapted to enable the apparatus to incrementally ~~play~~render the first audio data at real time.

74. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 52, wherein the method further comprises encoding the first audio data prior to their storing, wherein the first audio data is received, encoded and stored at a rate that is greater than real-time.

75. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 74, wherein the instructions are adapted to enable the apparatus to incrementally ~~play~~render the first audio data at real time.

76. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 52, wherein the method further comprises:

stopping the storing of the first audio data at a second ~~point~~location within the first audio ~~optical-disk~~data file;

receiving from the optical disk ~~player-reader~~ device, second audio data streamed from a second audio data file stored on the audio-optical disk file;

incrementally storing the second audio data file onto a second storage medium;

and

incrementally ~~playing~~rendering at least some of the stored ~~first and second~~ audio data from the second storage medium, prior to completion of the incrementally storing of all the second audio data onto the second storage medium.

77. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 76, wherein the instructions are adapted to enable the apparatus to incrementally store the first audio data to a local storage device as a first electronic data file.

78. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 76, wherein the instructions are further adapted to enable the apparatus to incrementally store the second audio data as part of the first electronic data file.

79. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 52, wherein the first audio optical disk data file further comprises metadata.

80. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 52, wherein the instructions are adapted to enable the apparatus to incrementally store the first audio data in one of a plurality of digital encoding formats, as well as to
identify in accordance with which one of the plurality of data encoding formats the first audio data stream of data is encoded, and
decode blocks of the stored first audio data.

81. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a medium comprising a plurality of instructions, which when executed operate the apparatus to
identify rendering of stored audio data of an audio data file being stored onto a storage medium;
receive from an optical disk ~~player~~ reader device, first audio data streamed from a first audio data file stored in an audio-optical disk file being processed by the optical disk ~~player~~ reader device,
incrementally store the first audio data onto a first storage medium starting at a first ~~point~~ location corresponding to a beginning of the first audio data ~~optical disk file, the first audio data being received and stored at a~~
~~first rate, and the~~ first storage medium being separate and distinct from the ~~audio optical disk file as well as the optical disk player~~ reader device,
and
if rendering of stored audio data of an audio data file being stored is indicated, incrementally render play at least some of the stored first audio

data from the first storage medium, prior to completion of the storing of all the first audio data onto the first storage medium; and
a processor coupled to the medium to execute the plurality of instructions.

82. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 81, wherein the apparatus further comprises a local storage device, and the instructions are adapted to operate the apparatus to store the first audio data to the local storage device, as a first electronic data file.

83. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 82, wherein the first audio data ~~optical disk-file~~ further comprises metadata.

84. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein if rendering of stored audio data of an audio data file being stored onto a storage medium is not indicated, not rendering at least a portion of the stored first audio data from the first storage medium, prior to completion of the storing of all of the first audio data file onto the first storage medium.

85. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the optical disk reader device and the first storage medium are co-disposed in a same device.